

## ARGUMENTS/COMMENTS

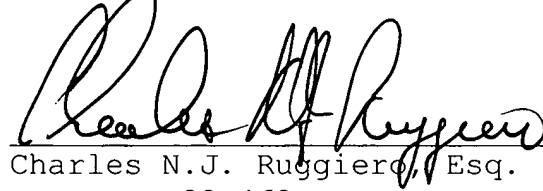
Claims 1 through 26 are pending in the present application. Claims 3, 8, 11, 13 and 15 have been amended by this preliminary amendment to bring the claims in conformance with current U.S. patent practice.

The amendments to the claims have not added any new matter. Also, are these amendments were not made for the purpose of defining over the prior art and thus the full equivalence for each element of each claim is still available to the applicants.

The amendment to the specification has been made to bring the application in conformance with current U.S. patent practice.

Accordingly, applicants respectfully request favorable consideration of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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